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**VT Dept. of Public Service Awards Grant to restructure the
Vermont Clean Vehicles Coalition**

Montpelier, VT – The Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Snelling Center for Government to restructure the Vermont Clean Vehicles Coalition (VCVC), according to Robert Ide, DPS Energy Efficiency Director.

Through the grant, the Snelling Center will conduct interviews with current and potential VCVC partners, develop a new organizational mission and priorities, design a roadmap for an effective and self-sustaining organization, and enhance the coalition partnership. After the planning process is completed in December, a Request for Proposals will be issued for an organization to administer the revamped VCVC.

In 2001, the VCVC was designated as the 82nd Clean Cities Coalition. The mission of the United States Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program is to advance the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. This mission is carried out through the network of coalitions, which develop public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and vehicles, fuel economy, hybrid vehicles, and idle reduction. The VCVC was previously administered by EVermont.

"Having an active coalition working towards increasing the use of alternative fuels and vehicles will enable Vermont to reap many environmental benefits, such as lower exhaust emissions," said Ide. "Additionally, alternative fuels such as biodiesel can be produced domestically to keep more profits in our communities and reduce our dependency on foreign oil."

Funding was made available through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The DPS Energy Efficiency Division will administer the grant.

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